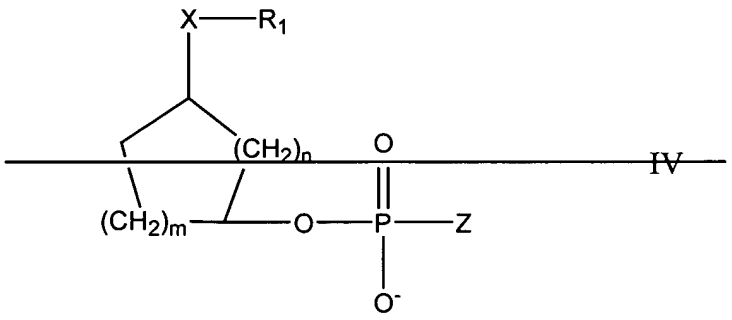
IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 24-30 as follows:

-- A fourth aspect of the invention is a method of inhibiting viral infections comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective infection-inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula IV.



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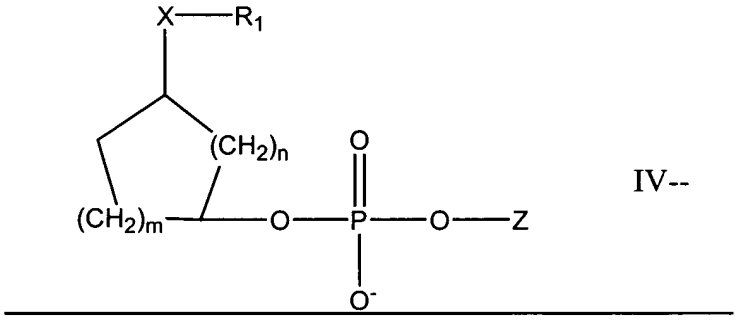

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Please amend the paragraph at page 21, lines 1-9 as follows:

--**EXAMPLE 5**

Preparation of 3'-azido-3'deoxy-5'-~~(dodecanamido-2-decoxypropyl)-phosphothymidine~~

(dodecanamido-2-decyloxypropyl)-phosphothymidine

~~3-Dodecanamido-2-decoxy-propanol~~ 3-Dodecanamido-2-decyloxy-propanol was synthesized via the scheme described in Morris-Natschke et al., ~~C.~~J. Med. Chem., **29**:2114 (1986). This alcohol was phosphorylated with diphenylchlorophosphate in pyridine to give the corresponding phosphate ester. The phenyl groups were then removed via hydrolysis with PtO_2. The phosphatidic acid derivatives were then conjugated to the 5'-hydroxyl of AZT (DCC condensation).--

Please amend the paragraph at page 21, lines 10-28 as follows:

--EXAMPLE 6

Preparation of 3'-azido-3'deoxy-5'-
~~(dodecoxy-2-decyloxypropyl)-phosphothymidine~~
(dodecyloxy-2-decyloxypropyl)-phosphothymidine

A. 3-Dodecyloxy-1,2-propanediol[1]

Isopropylidineglycerol (solketal, 26.4 g, 0.20 mol) in 60 mL of toluene was added dropwise to a solution of powdered KOH (22.4 g, 0.04 mol) in 150 mL toluene. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 4 hours. 1-Bromodecane (50 g, 0.20 mol) in 40 mL of toluene was then added dropwise, and the solution was refluxed for 10 hours. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with 200 mL of ice-water and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 100 mL). The ether layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in 60 mL of diethyl ether and 260 mL of MeOH. Concentrated HCl (60 mL) was added, and the solution was refluxed for 16 hours. After cooling, ice water (150 mL) was added, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 75 mL). The combined organic fractions were then dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The solid residue was recrystallized from MeOH to give 37 g (0.14 mol), 71% of a white solid.--

[1] Section "A" titled "3-Dodecyloxy-1,2-propanediol" appears in the originally filed specification at page 21, line 13 as underlined text. Accordingly, the underlining presented here in this amendment, for this part of the specification, should not be construed as a change to page 21, line 13 of the specification.